



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Michelle Carter,

This letter is in regards to the 10/24/13 compliance check of your Level A, Registered Child Development Home. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

☐ 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

*Emergency numbers, outlets, pick up trash in outdoor play area, post fire/tornado plans, fire extinguisher, smoke detector, toxic materials moved from under sinks, no-smoking signs, written policies for illness and health related emergencies*

☐ 110.5(1)a Numbers for police, fire, ambulance, poison information posted by phone.

*Need to post*

☐ 110.5(1)a Numbers for each child's parent, physician, and a responsible person are accessible by the phone.

*Need to post*

☐ 110.5(1)b All medicines and poisonous, toxic, or otherwise unsafe materials are secured from access by a child.

*Moved poison from under sink and bathroom area*

☐ 110.5(1)e All accessible electrical outlets are safely capped.

☐ 110.5(1)h A safe outdoor play area is maintained in good condition throughout the year.

☐ 110.5(1)h Is kept free from litter, rubbish and flammable materials.

*Few items need picked up*

☐ 110.5(1)j Emergency and disaster plans for fire and tornado are written and posted by primary and secondary exits.

☐ 110.5(1)j The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes in case of fire, a safe place indoors in case of tornado, and flood shelter areas.

☐ 110.5(1)k Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept.

*Need to resume documentation*

☐ 110.5(1)m Has not less than one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor.

☐ 110.5(1)n Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway.

*Need for kitchen*

☐ 110.5(1)n Each smoke detector has been installed according to manufacturer's recommendations.

☐ 110.5(1)n Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.

*Need to resume documentation*

☐ 110.5(1)o Nonsmoking signs posted at every entrance of the home and in every vehicle used to transport children. Signs include telephone # for reporting complaints, and [www.iowasmokefreeair.gov](http://www.iowasmokefreeair.gov).

*Need to post at entrances – stated no transportation*

☐ 110.5(1)u The provider has written policies about caring for mildly ill children and the exclusion of children due to illness, and informs parents of policies.

*Need to write out*

☐ 110.5(1)v The provider has written policies about responding to health-related emergencies.

*Need to write out*

☐ 110.5(2) A provider file is maintained and contains:

☐ 110.5(2)a A physician's signed statement of health and immunization status on the provider and all members of the household who may be present when children are in the home. Statements must be obtained at the time of initial registration and updated every two years.

*Rashell – need*

☐ 110.5(2)b. Certificates or training verification documentation for:

☐ 110.5(2)b Certification by an approved trainer/organization in infant and child first-aid that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Certification will be maintained throughout period of registration. If they are unable to locate first aid training that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, they must complete both a first aid course and CPR.

*1<sup>st</sup> Aid – expired 9/2013, CPR – expired 9/2012*

☐ 110.5(2)b During the second year of registration and each succeeding year, twelve hours of approved training. At least six hours shall be in a group setting. If the provider has documentation of completing the ChildNet, PITC, or Beyond Business Basics series, these hours may be used to fulfill two year's training requirements, not including first aid and mandatory reporter training. A specific training shall not be used to meet requirements more than one time every five years.

*Need to continue on training hours*

☐ 110.5(4) The certificate of registration is displayed in a conspicuous place.

*Need to post*

☐ 110.5(8) Children's Files

*All files need updating to include all items found below*

☐ 110.5(8) An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:

☐ 110.5(8)a Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child and the parent's work address and telephone number.

☐ 110.5(8)b Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone of the child's regular doctor, and the name number, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.

☐ 110.5(8)c A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

☐ 110.5(8)d For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.

☐ 110.5(8)d For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian.

☐ 110.5(8)e For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.

☐ 110.5(8)e For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of admission physical.

☐ 110.5(8)f A list signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.

☐ 110.5(8)g A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health.

☐ 110.5(8)h For each school-age child, record of a physical exam completed at the time of school enrollment or since.

☐ 110.5(8)i Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home. It must include times of arrival and departure, destination, and person(s) responsible for the child.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. **Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations by 12/13/13.**

☐ Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home. This visit will occur on or after 12/13/13.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 563-326-8215 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Huinker  
Social Worker II

Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at 563-324-3236.

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. You can access the approved training by going to [http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child\\_Care/Professional\\_Development.html](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html) and you can sign up for training at <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/>

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).